

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem their colleagues in the other branches of state government who are dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of life in this great state through the excellence of their public service; and

Whereas, the Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell has attained considerable distinction as a Judge with the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District; and

Whereas, appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals in 1995, Judge Mary Russell served as its Chief Judge from 1999 to 2000 prior to her well-deserved appointment to the Supreme Court of Missouri in September 2004; and

Whereas, Judge Mary Russell will take her oath of office as a member of the Supreme Court of Missouri on Monday, March 7, 2005; and

Whereas, Judge Mary Russell prepared for her impressive legal career by earning two Bachelor's degrees summa cum laude in 1980 from Truman State University and a law degree in 1983 from the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

Whereas, Judge Mary Russell entered into the private practice of law in historic Hannibal, Missouri, where she became northeast Missouri's first female law partner in 1987; and

Whereas, a staunch supporter of mentoring efforts, Judge Mary Russell has devoted an untold amount of time and energy to such organizations as Rotary Club; Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life; P.E.O.; Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Saint Louis; Grace Episcopal Church; The Missouri Bar, Truman State University Board of Governors, and numerous others:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection, acceptance, and swearing in of Mary Russell as a Judge with the Missouri Supreme Court and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal, professional, and leadership success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson, No. 61

Representative Rachel Storch, No. 64

Representative Margaret Donnelly, No. 73

Representative Cathy Jolly, No. 45

Representative Rachel Bringer, No. 6

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker